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Title: VIRAL VARIANTS AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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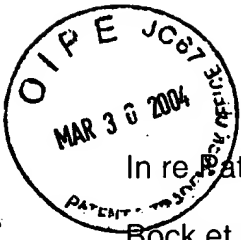
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**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, the applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group III for further prosecution in the above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested. At a minimum, the Examiner is requested to rejoin and examine together the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups III, IV and V, as upon allowance of the subject matter of the Examiner's Group III, the applicants believe the Examiner will have to search the subject matter of at least the Examiner's Groups IV and V.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement, at least with regard to the separate restriction of the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups III, IV and V, are requested along with an early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention.

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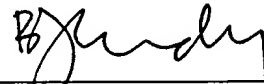
An Exclusive Substitute Power of Attorney is attached in favor of the undersigned.

The Office is requested to direct all future correspondence to the undersigned as separately requested in the attached Change of Address Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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